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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS UP  
OVER HALF MILLION THIS YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- A 16 per cent gain in Cooperative Program receipts in the Nashville office through May this year puts the total above three and a half million, according to Borter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

At this time in 1951, Southern Baptists in twenty-two cooperating states had given \$3,141,002 to world-wide and convention causes through the Cooperative Program, another \$3,340,452 in designated gifts, or a total of \$6,481,454.

All three figures have increased for the first five months of 1952. The 16 per cent increase in the Cooperative Program brings that current amount to \$3,645,974, while a 21 per cent increase in designated gifts brings that one to \$4,060,227. The \$7,706,201 in total gifts represents an 18.9 per cent increase.

The report for May, 1952, shows \$748,869 through the Cooperative Program and \$711,305 in designated gifts or a total for the month of \$1,460,174.

Among the larger states, those with the most gain over last year's gifts at this time to the Cooperative Program include Arkansas with a 50 per cent increase over last year, Oklahoma with 35 per cent gain, Alabama with 33 per cent gain and Tennessee and Texas both with about 20 per cent gain.

Gifts from Kansas and the Oregon-Washington convention are both nearly twice last year's total.

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## DR. MELL DIES IN GEORGIA

ATHENS, Ga. --(BP)-- Dr. John Dagg Mell, for fourteen years a president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, died at his home here May 31 at the age of 87.

Dr. Mell served more than thirty years as moderator of the Sarepta Association, third oldest in Georgia, in which he served as pastor for more than fifty years. He was president of the Georgia Convention from 1912 to 1928.

The professor of parliamentary law at the University of Georgia when he answered the call to preach, Dr. Mell continued his interest in education. He was president of the Board of Education at Athens for forty years.

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ILLINOIS BAPTISTS BEGIN  
NEW CARBONDALE BUILDING

CARBONDALE, Ill. --(BP)-- Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new office building of the Illinois Baptist State Association in Carbondale were held April 22 and construction is now underway, according to Dr. Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the association.

Among those on the program were the state secretary; Rev. L. H. Moore, Anna, president of the association; James M. Baldwin, Salem, chairman of the building committee; I. E. Lee, Du Quoin, chairman of the board of directors of the association, and Mayor John I. Wright of Carbondale.

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QUARLES HONORED WITH DEGREE  
FROM MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

CLINTON, Miss. --(BP)-- Rev. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Mississippi College at its commencement exercises recently.

Dr. Quarles, well-known in Mississippi life, has been executive secretary for the state since April of 1950. He was formerly in state Training Union work in Alabama and southwide Training Union work with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

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CHARLES B. WILLIAMS, WRITER,  
DIES AT HOME IN FLORIDA

LAKELAND, Fla. --(BP)-- Dr. Charles B. Williams, author, teacher and translator of the New Testament, died at his home in Lakeland on May 4 after a brief illness.

The 80-year-old translator spent almost twenty years in translating the New Testament from the original Greek into modern English. Moody Press, Chicago, is the publisher of the popular work.

He studied at Wake Forest College, Crozier Seminary and Southwestern Seminary, being one of the original faculty members of Southwestern. Later he was president of Howard College in Alabama and taught in Mercer University in Georgia.

He retired from a North Carolina pastorate in 1946 and had devoted his last years to writing.

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